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SUBJECT: REACTION TO ICJ MEMBER'S CRITICISM OF GOP HUMAN  
RIGHTS RECORD

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1. MARCH 23 BULLETIN TODAY FRONT PAGED COMMENTS OF FORMER  
AMBASSADOR (TO US) AMELITO MUTUC ON RECENT STATEMENTS BY  
PROFESSOR JOHN HUMPHREY ON HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN THE  
PHILIPPINES. MUTUC WAS REACTING TO INTERVIEW WITH HUMPHREY  
BY GOP'S OLD BETE NOIRE ARNOLD ZEITLIN. DATELINED BOSTON,  
IT RAN AS LEAD ITEM  
IN LOCAL AP FILE MARCH 9, BUT HAS NOT BEEN MENTIONED IN  
GUIDED PRESS UNTIL NOW. MUTUC, WHO IS COORDINATING WORLD  
PEACE THROUGH LAW CONFERENCE SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST, CRITICIZED  
HUMPHREY FOR SUGGESTING THAT CONFERENCE WOULD BE A "WHITE  
WASHING OPERATION" WHICH WOULD NOT ADDRESS VIOLATIONS OF  
HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE PHILIPPINES. MUTUC ADMITTED THERE WERE  
ISOLATED CASES OF SUCH VIOLATIONS AS THERE WERE IN OTHER  
FREE COUNTRIES, BUT DENIED A GOVERNMENT POLICY TO VIOLATE  
SUCH RIGHTS. COMMENTING ON PROFESSOR HUMPHREY'S STATEMENT  
THAT HE COULD "TICK OFF PRACTICALLY EVERY PARAGRAPH OF HUMAN  
RIGHTS AND SAY THIS IS VIOLATED IN THE PHILIPPINES."

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MUTUC CLAIMED SUCH A SWEEPING DENUCIATION "CANNOT BUT  
EMANATE FROM A PREJUDICED AND BIASED MIND."

2. ON MARCH 17, MUTUC HAD TOLD EMBOFF HE WAS DISTURBED  
BY AP REPORT AND HOPED IT WOULD NOT UPSET WORLD PEACE  
THROUGH LAW CONFERENCE. HE SAID HE PLANNED TO USE ARTICLE  
IN DISCUSSIONS WITH PRESIDENT AND URGE HIM TO SOLVE SOME

OF HIS OUTSTANDING POLITICAL PRISONER PROBLEMS PRIOR TO  
CONFERENCE.

3. MUTUC'S STATEMENT COMES DAY AFTER PRES REPORTED  
SOLICITOR GENERAL'S MENDOZA'S COMMENTS ON AI REPORT.  
MENDOZA CALIMED REPORT WAS BIASED AND BASED ON INTERVIEWS  
WITH HARCORE SUBVERSIVES WHO LIED ABOUT THEIR TREATMENT.  
BEGIN FYI - WE THIN PRESS REPORTS DATELINED LONDON BASED  
ON OLD EXCHANGE OF CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN AI AND MENDOZA.  
END FYI.

4. COMMENT: ATTENTION GIVEN MUTUC'S STATEMENT AND MENDOZA'S  
COMMENTS ON AI REPORT SUGGEST GOP WILLINGNESS ADOPT MORE  
AGGRESIVE PR POSTURE ON HUMAN RIGHTS QUESTION. THIS  
WOULD BE SHIFT FROM PAST PRACTICE WHICH WAS TO GENERALLY  
IGNORE ALL SUCH CHARGES AND AVOID REPORTING THEM IN  
GUIDED PRESS. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT GIVEN ITS STAKE IN  
SUCCESSFUL WORLD PEACE THROUGH LAW CONFERENCE AND HUMPHREY  
ROLE IN ICJ MISSION, GOP FELT REPLY IN THIS CASE VITAL.  
MUTUC STATEMENT, HOWEVER, MAY ALSO REFLECT POSSIBLE GOP AWARENESS  
THAT THERE NOW A WHOLE NEW HUMAN RIGHTS BALL GAME AND IT  
SIMPLY CAN'S IGNORE CRITICISM OF ITS RECORD. WHAT  
HUMPHREY CRITICISM MEANS IN TERMS OF CONTENT OF  
FORTHCOMING ICJ REPORT REMAINS TO BE SEEN.  
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